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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 10, 2001, the Applicant hereby elects Claim Group I (i.e., Claims 30-37) without traverse. By this paper, Applicant hereby cancels Claims 38-55, without prejudice. The Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits and requests the prompt examination of the same. Should there be any impediment to the prompt examination of this application that could be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the number shown below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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